



Idaho **Governor's** *Challenge* ★43

IDAHO GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP

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SCHOLARSHIP

For the 2006 – 2007 school year

AMOUNT OF AWARD: \$3,000 per year, renewable up to 4 years

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 15

To qualify for this award, you must:

- Be a resident of Idaho
- Be a graduating senior of an Idaho high school
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or above
- Take the ACT or SAT (Academic Applicants)
- Have a demonstrated commitment to public service (Submit required forms documenting service).*
- Enroll as a full-time student in an eligible postsecondary educational institution in Idaho (12 credits or more each semester) The eligible colleges and universities are Albertson College of Idaho, Boise State University, College of Southern Idaho, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, North Idaho College, Northwest Nazarene University, BYU Idaho, and University of Idaho.
- Attend the first semester of college following high school graduation
- Pursue a course of study leading to a first degree, certificate or other approved award requiring at least six months of consecutive attendance.

- Use the scholarship funds for educational costs only, which are described as follows: “Student costs for tuition, fees, room and board, expenses related to reasonable commuting, books, tools and other such expenses related to attendance at a postsecondary education institution.”
- Begin the selected postsecondary program in the first semester following high school graduation.

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Application requires:

- Completion of the on-line application
- Two letters of recommendation are required from individuals who are unrelated to you, yet know of your interests, achievements and commitment to public service.
- Write an essay of no more than 500 words sharing a little information about yourself, your academic interests, and what you hope to accomplish individually and for others in the future.
- Completed forms detailing a commitment to public service including, but not limited to, school, community and church volunteer service projects, participation in scouting or other service organizations and volunteer work. Names and phone numbers of references must be included.

Applicants must complete the on-line application, submit and print a copy of the on-line application. Applicants must send a copy of the application print-out along with the two letters of recommendation, essay, official copy of your high school transcript, and completed forms detailing your leadership, community and volunteer service to the:

**Idaho Governor’s Challenge Scholarship
Office of the State Board of Education
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0037**

High consideration will be given to commitment to public service. Please provide relevant information, along with reference names and phone numbers.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this scholarship application will be provided in alternate form upon request.

Postmarked by January 17

On-line Applications must be completed and submitted no later than January 15. Application packets must be postmarked no later than January 17.

SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO:

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P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0037**

If you have any questions regarding this application, contact your high school counselor or email the scholarship manager at scholarshiphelp@osbe.idaho.gov.

APPLICANT’S NAME

Add more pages if you need, but please follow a similar format.

Idaho Governor’s Challenge Scholarship
LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATION

Please list leadership positions you held and organizations you belonged to *during your high school years only*.

Leadership, Participation, Awards and Recognitions In School and Other Organizations		
Name of Club or Organization	Class/ Year	Positions Held
Example: Student Body	Sophomore	President
Key Club	All 4 years	Vice President, 9 th grade Secretary, 10 th grade
Top Scholar	12 th grade	
Example: 4-H Club	9 th & 10 th grades	President/Secretary
Red Cross	Senior	Helped set up blood drive at school both fall & spring
Church Youth	All 4 years	Held various positions

APPLICANT'S NAME

Add more pages if you need, but please follow a similar format.

**Idaho Governor's Challenge Scholarship
VOLUNTEER / PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS
FOR
SCHOOL-SPONSORED CLUBS and ORGANIZATIONS**

Please provide information regarding your volunteer/public service projects and activities *during your high school years only*.

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Add more pages if you need, but please follow a similar format.

**Idaho Governor's Challenge Scholarship
VOLUNTEER / PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS
FOR
COMMUNITY / SOCIAL / CHURCH CLUBS and ORGANIZATIONS**

Please provide information regarding your volunteer/public service projects and activities *during your high school years only*.

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**Idaho Governor's Challenge Scholarship
VOLUNTEER / PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

REFERENCES

Please list references who can comment on applicant's public service or school activities

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

Reference #1. NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT _____

Reference #2. NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT _____

Reference #3. NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT _____

IDAHO GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES

1. **Objectives of the Idaho Governor's Challenge Scholarship Program.** As established by Governor Dirk Kempthorne, the purpose of the Idaho Governor's Challenge Scholarship is to provide scholarships that recognize outstanding Idaho students and encourage them to pursue their secondary education in an Idaho institution. Awards will be available for students pursuing either an academic or professional-technical education program.

2. **Source of Funds.** Funding for the Idaho Governor's Challenge Scholarship is provided by private contributions, in conjunction with proceeds from a golf tournament sponsored by the Idaho Governor's Challenge Cup for Education, Inc.

3. **Monetary Value of the Scholarship.** The monetary value of the academic scholarship is \$3,000 per year, renewable for up to four years. The Idaho Governor's Challenge Scholarship awards are contingent upon the availability of funds generated for this program.

4. **Number of Awards.** The number of scholarships awarded is based on the amount of funds available, with continuing recipients funded first.

5. **Selection of Scholarship Recipients.** Recipients of the Idaho Governor's Challenge Scholarship are selected by a scholarship committee appointed by the Governor in conjunction with the Office of the State Board of Education in accordance with the following:

A high consideration will be given to the applicant's demonstrated commitment to public service. Forms are included in the application packet to document school leadership, volunteer projects and community service.

Scholarships are awarded without regard to the applicant's race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, economic background or religious affiliation.

6. Eligibility for Scholarship

Initial Eligibility. To be eligible for the Idaho Governor's Challenge Scholarship, a student must:

- Be a resident of the state of Idaho.
- Be a graduating senior of an Idaho high school.
- Enroll as a full-time student (12 credit minimum) in an eligible college or university in Idaho.

- Pursue a course of study leading to a first degree, certificate or other approved award requiring at least six months of consecutive attendance.

- Use the scholarship funds for educational costs only, which are described as follows: "Student costs for tuition, fees, room and board, expenses related to reasonable commuting, books, tools and other such expenses related to attendance at a postsecondary education institution."

- Begin the selected postsecondary program in the first semester following high school graduation.

7. Eligible Postsecondary Educational Institutions.

The eligible institutions for academic awards are:

ACI - Albertson College of Idaho
BSU - Boise State University
BYU Idaho - Brigham Young University
CSI - College of Southern Idaho
ISU - Idaho State University
LCSC - Lewis-Clark State College
NIC - North Idaho College
NNU - Northwest Nazarene University
UI - University of Idaho

12. **Administration.** The Idaho Governor's Challenge Scholarship Committee administers the Idaho Governor's Challenge Scholarship, with administrative support from the Office of the State Board of Education.

Questions regarding the scholarship applications and the process of submitting the applications should be addressed to scholarshiphelp@osbe.idaho.gov or Dana Kelly, Office of the State Board of Education, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0037 (208-332-1574).

Questions regarding scholarship payment and continuing eligibility should be addressed to Anne Ruark Smith, Chair, Idaho Governor's Challenge Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 44738, Boise, Idaho 83711-0738 (208-938-2174).